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Summer timeline: Presidential Election

By DANIELLE STALLWORTH



Trump and Clinton will debate for the first time on Sept. 28 in Hempstead, N.Y.

Amid breaking news headlines of mass shootings and coverage of the Olympic Games in Rio, the top news item of the summer has undeniably been the 2016 presidential election. In case you missed them, here is a rundown of some key election moments from the summer and upcoming events to look for.

May 3: Sen. Ted Cruz formally withdrew from the presidential race, stating on Twitter that the Republican Party needed to unite to defeat Hillary Clinton.

May 4: Ohio Governor John Kasich also announced the end of his campaign.

June 6: Clinton obtained the minimum amount of delegates needed to win the Democratic Party nomination.

July 6: The FBI ended the investigation of Clinton's emails and recommended that no charges be filed.

July 12: Sen. Bernie Sanders endorsed Clinton, declaring that he would do everything he could to make sure that she would be the next president. This received a negative reaction from a number of his supporters.

July 15: Donald Trump selected Indiana Governor Mike Pence as his vice presidential running mate.

July 18-21: The 2016 Republican National Convention took place in Cleveland, Ohio. Speakers included Rep. Steve King, Dr. Ben Carson, conservative Radio Host Laura Ingraham, and Trump's children. Sen. Cruz

spoke and was booed from the stage after refusing to endorse Trump. Trump's wife, Melania, received backlash for making a speech that seemed to copy parts of First Lady Michelle Obama's 2008 Democratic National Convention speech.

July 21: Trump accepted the Republican Party nomination on the last night of the RNC. In his speech, he heavily criticized Clinton, vowed to make America safer again from the day he took office and promised to be a voice for all citizens.

July 22: Clinton selected former Virginia Governor Tim Kaine as her vice presidential running mate.

July 23: Almost 20,000 leaked emails showed the DNC staff

mocking Sanders' campaign and attempting to sabotage it. DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz resigned soon after the leak.

July 26-28: The Democratic National Convention took place in Philadelphia. Speakers included Sanders, Kaine, Michelle Obama, former President Bill Clinton, Vice President Joe Biden and President Barack Obama. The email leak caused some Sanders supporters in attendance to chant and boo in protest at random times.

July 28: Hillary Clinton accepts the Democratic Party nomination and becomes the first female presidential nominee. She explained in her speech that she had more political experience than Trump, and that her primary mission was

to make America a country that worked for everyone. She also addressed Sanders' supporters and assured them that their cause was now her cause as well.

Coming Up:

Sept. 28: Presidential nominees will debate for the first time at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.

Oct. 4: Nominees for vice president will debate at Longwood University in Farmville, Va.

Oct. 9: Presidential nominees will debate a second time at Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL) in St. Louis.

Oct. 19: Presidential nominees will debate for the final time at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) in Las Vegas.

Nov. 8: Election Day

At the Alabamian, we strive to keep UM informed throughout the school year. With that in mind, we hope that this campus map will help our new Falcons navigate through all the cobbled streets of our small campus. Make it to every class in time and have a great semester.

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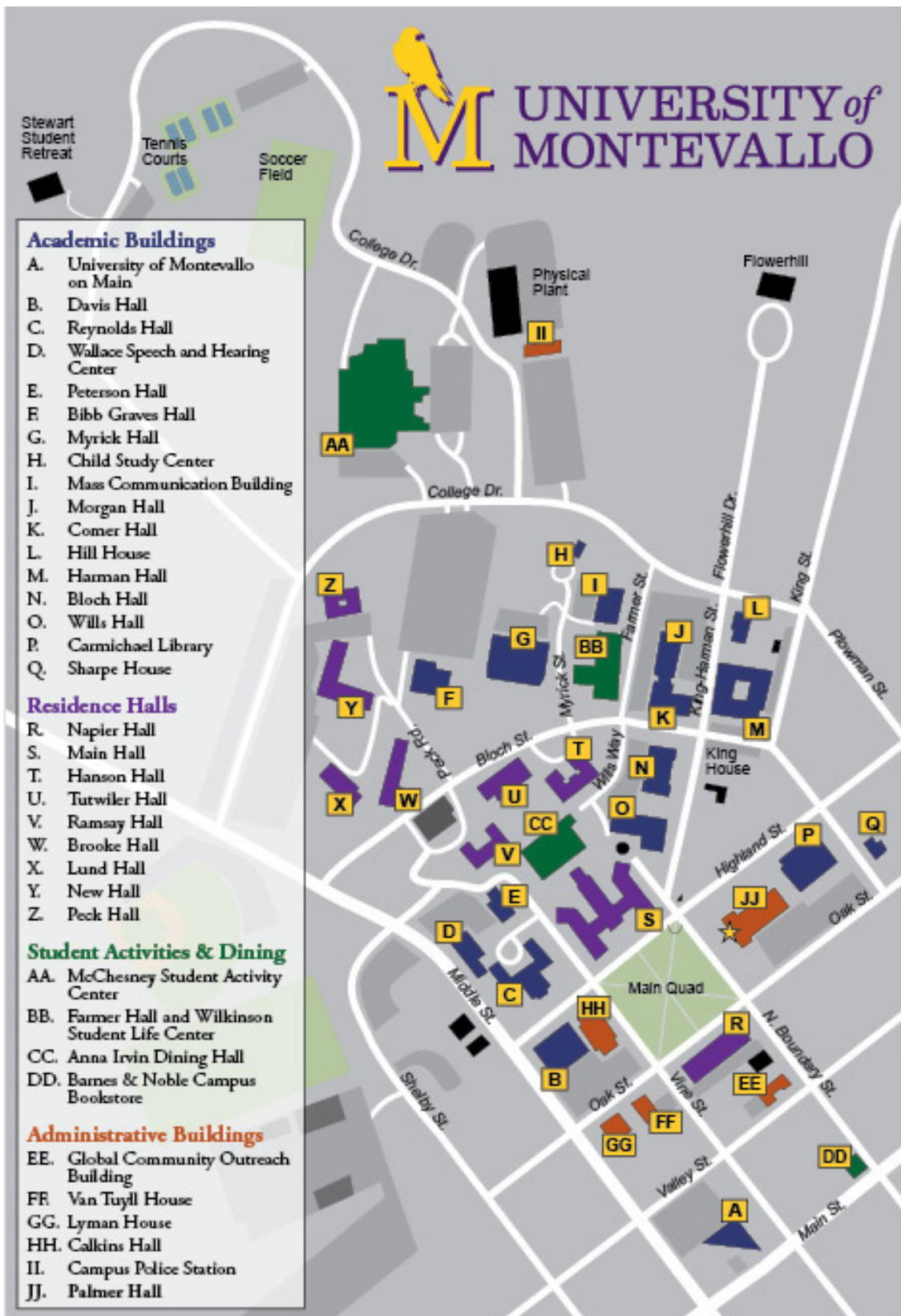
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Top five books of the summer

By LESLIE SMITH

Summer is a weirdly magical time. You have all the time to see friends, order six Sonic slushies a day, lie awake until five in the morning for no reason and read every book you can get your hands on, which is what I did. Here are my top five books for Summer 2016:

5. **“The Princess Saves Herself in This One”**
“Silence has always been my loudest scream.”

A collection of poetry by Amanda Lovelace that explores the development and challenges she went through as a child, young woman and an adult. It is a captivating work with moving thoughts and empowering pieces that came at exactly the right time for me.

4. **“Fangirl”**
“In new situations, all the trickiest rules are the ones nobody bothers to explain to you.”

This is a book I would have cherished in high school. It follows college freshman Cath as she struggles to find an identity separate from her vivacious twin sister’s. She makes her first friends, almost fails some classe, and finds what’s important to her.

3. **“Anna and the French Kiss”**
“Is it possible for home to be a person and not a place?”
This one was cute. It was fluffy. It was magical. It was the right blend of realistic and unrealistic. Anna is an American high school senior sent to finish her schooling in Paris. She struggles to find her footing in this new place without

her best friend, but soon finds new friends, love and a sense of self in the city of life.

2. **“Under a Painted Sky”**
“Maybe what matters is not so much the path as who walks beside you.”

I’m a lover of Westerns. I like the aesthetic of wide open plains and skies and dreams. I also love stories with diverse voices and backgrounds. Sammy is a Chinese immigrant who teams up with runaway slave Andy, joining a trio of guys making their way to California. The two girls disguise themselves as boys and fight their way across the trail in order to find their scattered family, making a new one on the way.

1. **“Wolf by Wolf”**
“The world is wrong. I’m just doing my part to fix it.”

This book is a perfect example of why I love to read. It was thrilling, captivating and breathless. This easily tops the list for best book of the summer, if not the year. The story follows Yael, a Jewish girl who had been experimented on in a concentration camp. This alternate history spins a web of a Nazi-controlled world where Yael is using her power to skin-shift into other girls to race in the Axis Tourney in order to win and get close enough to Hitler to kill him.

This summer turned out to be a rather spiritual experience thanks to the books I read. Each one was dynamic in its own way, but my top five are definitely otherworldly. It makes me wonder what books are in store for winter break.

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PLAYLIST



MOTIVATION MONDAY

“Drive It Like You Stole It” - Sing Street
You’ll never forget that you’re in charge of your own life with this song from the “Sing Street” soundtrack. Just don’t actually steal anything.

“Into the Wild” - LP
Are you going to your first class of the day or on an adventure of wonder and discovery in nature? Same thing. Either way, this is the perfect background music for your fantastical journey.

“Confident” - Demi Lovato
Sometimes you need a pump to your step when it comes to moving in and starting up for class. You need a quick reminder of how powerful you really are, which makes the title is fairly self explanatory.

“Back in Black” - AC/DC
Start your semester off with this classic that has a bit of edge. Besides, you’re a little older and wiser. Actually, you’re a college student and

you might not remember what you ate for breakfast this morning.

“Work This Body” - WALK THE MOON
Start your morning off with this fast-paced jam and you’ll be feeling positively ready for back to school. The infectious beat and the uplifting lyrics will have you in an “I can do anything” mood for the rest of the day.

“Feeling Myself” - Nicki Minaj feat. Beyonce
Everyone needs a little black girl magic in their life, especially when you’re coming back to have an amazing year. “I’m back at it, and I’m feelin’ myself, jackrabbit.”

“Pocketful of Sunshine” - Natasha Bedingfield
When you have early morning classes, or even night classes, it does one well to have an upbeat tune to keep you going. How can you not dance to this song? It’s classic.

“I Don’t Get Tired (#IDGT)” - Kevin Gates feat. August Alsina
It may be a white lie when you’re belting out the lyrics “I don’t get tired”, but feel free to fake it until you make it. This track will make you feel indestructible and put some power in your step as you head to your next class.

“There She Goes” - The La’s
Did you sign up for an 8 a.m.? First, I am truly sorry. Second, to show you the sincerity of my apology here is a wonderful little song to plug in your ears as you drag yourself to that less-than-‘bright eyed and bushy tailed’ classroom.

“War Paint” - FLETCHER
If you ever have any doubt about being able to conquer this semester, give this track a listen and put your war paint on. You may get some weird looks, but you’ll be ready to head into any battle. Or class.

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Letter from the Editor

Do you ever get the random urge to clean your entire room when you should be doing more important things? Just me? Okay. I was sorting through some old binders and simultaneously putting off starting this letter when I came across a ripped envelope from the University. The contents: a few old pennies and a copy of the schedule for my Take Flight Weekend back in 2013. This may seem like a cheesy scenario. It even surprised me. But I promise it happened.

By now you’ve heard the whole spiel multiple times, and probably twice today: get involved, talk to new people, step outside your comfort zone, et cetera--all the things that I dreaded doing when I started here.

It may take you less time to realize it than I did, but getting involved really is as important as everyone says it is. It’s tempting to stay in your room, but deep down, I think we all want to leave some kind of legacy here. We want to be remembered for something, no matter how small.

There have been times where felt that I was just another face in the Falcon family. If you ever feel that way, please know that this publication is your voice. The Alabamian is an outlet for any student that wants to be heard, not just for those of us pursuing a career in journalism. Don’t let us hog all of the fun.

Even if you decide the campus newspaper is not for you, there are so many other opportunities

to find your place at this school and in this community. Make the absolute most of the time that you will spend at Montevallo. Four years is a long time, but it passes by in a flash.

So don’t hesitate to put yourself out there! Join an organization. Start your own organization. Attend campus events. Do some community service. Bask in the glow of choosing the perfect College Night side for yourself. And afterwards, if you feel like writing about it all, come see your buddies at The Alabamian. We’d be more than happy to have you.

Have a fantastic year,
Danielle Stallworth
Editor in Chief 2016-2017

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Free must have apps for back to school

By JASMYNE RAY

Google Drive
We here at The Alabamian cannot stress how valuable this app is. Google Drive transforms your phone into a portable hard drive. It's the equivalent of having Micro-soft Office on your phone. To be able to use the app to its fullest extent, you should also download the Google Docs, Sheets and Slides apps (all of which are also free) to be able to make edits to your documents, spreadsheets and presentations.

My Study Life
It's all the practicality and organization of a planner on your phone. Keep up with your weekly schedule and class assignments at a glance and get reminders all at the swipe of a finger.

Duolingo
Students pursuing a B.A. in their respective fields will find that this app comes in handy when studying for their foreign language classes. The app covers all of the foreign languages that the University offers in a way that feels more like a game than just simply studying flashcards. In fact, according to the creators of the app, if you

spent 34 hours on the app it would be the equivalent of one semester of a university level class. And the very best part? It's free.

Outlook
Every student on campus has a ForUM email address provided through the Micro-soft Outlook platform. You could take the long route and tap your phone's web browser, type in the URL for ForUM and access your school email that way, but that's just too much effort (#MillennialProbs). It's so much easier to just download the Outlook app and only have to tap once to check and see if your professor cancelled class.

Photomath - Camera Calculator
How many times have you wished for an app that would solve a math problem for you? Well, your prayers have been answered. Not only does it show you the answers to the problem, it shows you the steps to get the answer as well. Currently, it can perform the calculations for basic math problems in addition to fractions, linear equations, equation systems and different logarithmic functions. Further updates will expand its capabilities to be able to work more complex problems and show the steps to get the solutions as well.



Duolingo allows users to study foreign languages in a game-like fashion.

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Wandering West: my junior year

By FAITH LUNA

This year, junior Faith Luna will be attending Fort Lewis College as a part of the National Student Exchange Program. She will be writing to us about her experiences in this column.

Change. It can be the simplest and hardest task. As humans we're creatures of habit, clinging to our routines. We don't often change unless it's some dire circumstance, be it health or happiness.

My change came from a lack of happiness.

My first inkling to transfer schools came when I saw advertisements on campus for the National Student Exchange. NSE is a study "abroad" program without really having to go abroad. It is nationally centered, featuring hundreds of schools in the U.S. and U.S. territories, like Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

My transfer was a little different, however. I am a Resident Assistant at the University of Montevallo and I wanted to have those perks granted to me by housing at another institution as well. I had to choose three schools I was interested in, apply and then wait to see if I was going to be offered an interview for a job as an RA. I was granted interviews at each institution I applied to: Northern Arizona University, the University of Wyoming and Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. After being offered jobs at the University of Wyoming and Fort Lewis College, I decided to make my new home in Colorado.

Being offered a job brought on an onslaught of emotions. First glee, because who doesn't love hearing, "yes, we want you," and then heartache. I sat on the dock of Montevallo's lake for over three hours contemplating my future, writing two different emails accepting and declining the offer.

When I finally worked up the nerve to send the acceptance



Luna will be working as a resident assistant at Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO.

Photo courtesy of Faith Luna

email, I felt a huge weight lifted. For me, the hardest part wasn't the paperwork or the interviews, it was the decision to do something different in my life. I'm a firm believer that if we allow ourselves, we will stay complacent our whole lives. I don't believe that being comfortable is the same as being happy.

After everything was all said and all done, I realized that this southern-raised girl was going to finally experience a real winter. The average snowfall for Durango, Colo. is 69 inches per year. In the months leading up to my departure I scoured various websites looking for the best deals

on winter boots and jackets. A website I found very helpful was Outdoor Gear Lab, because they tested 10 products and told you how each performed in certain conditions. Thus, you could find a product tailored to your needs.

I now had everything and was ready for my journey. My father and I wove our way through Alabama to Memphis, Tenn. then through Arkansas all the way to Oklahoma City, driving 11 hours the first day. We then made our way through Texas to Santa Fe, N.M., stopping for the second night after driving another nine to 10 hours that day.

Santa Fe stole my heart. It

was a beautiful city filled with so much history and art. Santa Fe is a big supporter of their local artists, featuring several statues by them throughout the city.

Finally, Durango was our next stop, only four hours from Santa Fe. My stomach was in knots. Several times our drive consisted of nothing but land and mountains and cattle for as far as the eye could see. My fear was that I left one college town with little to do for another with even less. About half an hour out, there was nothing. We wove through mountains and it was beautiful. Fifteen minutes out and there was a decent-sized city, and I

noted a Home Depot. Not what I was hoping for. Finally, we got into Durango and relief washed over me. It was beautiful! There was so much to do and see there. Neat shops and restaurants lined the streets, and there was even a Starbucks.

Making a change in my life was hard. I had many tearful nights with anxiety over if I was doing the right thing. But now that I'm here it was all worth it. So far, I love my new home and I'm thrilled to start exploring it.

Letter from SGA President

Dear Fellow Students,

On behalf of the Student Government Association, I welcome you to the University of Montevallo. Whether you are a returning student or experiencing collegiate life for the first time, I hope that you will make the most of this year by getting involved and engaged. Take advantage of every opportunity presented by faculty, staff and fellow students to further your knowledge and build lasting relationships. I'm sure you'll find, as I have, that the University of Montevallo is committed to providing a quality liberal arts education both in and out of the classroom.

As SGA President, I look forward to working with you

and for you. Your perspective is valuable, and SGA wants you to share it with the Student Senators of your class and college, at town hall forums or directly with us at the Office of Student Life. Not only will we stay true to the proud heritage and traditions of the University, but also we will channel our energy and ideas into a vision for the future of our campus.

I commend you on your decision to join our family and cannot wait to see what this year holds for us!

Sincerely,
Hunter Huie
SGA President



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 - Graduate school visits are scheduled

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- Students continue working with mentors and attend professional development seminars
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LIFE HACKS: Montevallo Edition

By HAYLEY CRUMPTON

1. Keep two copies of the assignment and test dates that are on your syllabus: one to keep in your backpack and the other to tape on your wall where you can see it easily.
2. Always check your email when you wake up in the morning. This is usually when professors announce canceled classes.
3. Morgan Hall (the building connected to Comer Hall, in front of Farmer Hall) has a computer lab on the second floor where you can print in black and white for free if you provide your own paper.
4. Noon is always the busiest and most crowded time to go to the caf. Wait at least 12:35 p.m., or try to get there right at 11:00 a.m. when they start serving lunch.
5. The walk from wherever you are on campus to where your class is located is further away than you think. Leave at least five minutes earlier than you originally planned.

Montevallo athletes enter fall season with high hopes

By ALEX TEJADA

Two men's and three women's teams open their seasons in September as the Falcons look for success in their final season in the Peach Belt Conference.

Montevallo men's soccer returns to action on Sept. 1 against Lincoln Memorial University. After last season's disappointing 6-10-1 record, the Falcons have brought in new Assistant Coach Trey Gregory.

The defense will be more experienced this year, with most of the starters returning. Sergio Gonzalez and Soheyl Rafi will be rejoined by Nikola Klacar and

Zach Keller. Josh Keller, his twin, is a returning starter who will partner with Srdjan Dujkovic in the midfield.

Goals were hard to come by last year, but the Falcons hope Kevin Francis, who scored three goals playing out wide, can find the back of the net. Redshirted James Ndubueze will look to provide help in that department. Shawn Healy, Kade Kling and Joel Charles gained valuable playing time in their freshman seasons for Bruce Dietterle's side. The first home game is Sept. 8 against the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Montevallo women's soccer has renewed belief in Robert Lane's second season in charge. Despite only recording one win in 2015, the Falcons were competitive in every game and unfortunately didn't record more victories.

The goalie combination of Ellie Mouyal and Katie Pearson will have Kourtnee Hayward and Tori Sanders in front of them in defense. These two formed a solid partnership in defense and will look to help record clean sheets for the Falcons in Lane's sophomore season.

The new coach and style of play looked most promising in

the midfield. Defensive midfielder Hannah Williamson, a freshman last year from Bournemouth, England, coupled with Taylor Gonzales should be a handful for Peach Belt opposition. The returning junior Gonzales played with the Women's Premiere Soccer League (WPSL) and KC Courage over the summer and will arrive with valuable experience. Last year, she scored her first goal and added to it with a spectacular strike in the final game against Young Harris College.

The Falcons added 13 new signings on National Signing

Day, including transfers Sabrina Amador and Sarah Daniels. They open the season in Rome, Ga. against Shorter University before the home opener against Delta State University three days later.

2015 was another 20-win season for Katie O'Brien's volleyball team. They were unlucky not to make the NCAA tournament and will play with this motivation throughout the season. Despite losing four seniors, the Falcons return junior Kristy Bohan who led the team in kills and blocks.

Along with Bohan, seniors Hannah Christie and Chandler Cooper bring valuable experience and leadership to the team. Brie Blume and Shannon Dudley will expect to make their first-string debuts in the coming season. The Falcons have also brought in highly-touted freshman Michaela Henderson and Pensacola State College transfer Jamesia Edmond.

The Falcons were dominant at home and an improvement on their away record would mean massive possibilities for the team in 2016. They open the season with a quartet of games in Bristol, Tenn. on Sept. 2-3. A week later, they play four more games in Aiken, S.C. before the home opener against Clark Atlanta University on Sept. 13.

Montevallo men's and women's cross country open their season on Sept. 10 with the Furman Classic. The men's team returns senior Chris Pirrello and junior Donny Barnes. Barnes holds the school record 8K time with a time of 25:09. The preseason polls have the men finishing eighth in their final Peach Belt season before the move to the Gulf South Conference.

Montevallo hosts the Falcon Classic on Sept. 17. The women's team is a unanimous pick to complete a three-peat of Peach Belt Championships. Senior Cheyenne Thompson will be joined again by Peach Belt Conference Runner of the Year Katie Nelson. The junior holds the school 6K record with a time of 21:24.



Montevallo men's cross country was picked eighth in the preseason coaches poll.

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